To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you to oppose the newly proposed HB-5044 in CT to take away our religious exemptions for vaccines.

According to the CDC, vaccines contain animal tissues and blood drawn from sick or dead animals, such as fetal bovine serum, mouse serum protein derived from mouse brains, calf skin, chicken embryos, and animal kidney tissues – all termed "biologicals" (or basically the debris of once- living animals). And in the absence of digestive enzymes, what is not digested must decompose, thus producing putrefactive end-products. The body is the sacred temple of God. God's command not to defile our bodies with the flesh of animals, which have died from disease or injury, is heard many times in the Bible.

- (1 Corinthians 3:16-17) "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple." Vaccines' blood cell ingredients and decaying matter violate God's directive to keep the body ("temple") whole and free from impurities.
- Luke 13:1- 5 warns that those who mix human blood with the blood of sacrificed animals are offending God.
- Many Old Testament references teach the early Jews to distinguish between the clean and the
 unclean, and how the latter is unholy and must be kept from our bodies which is holy and of
 God's creation. "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy,
 which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."
 Colossians 2:8

Secondly, this bill violates the constitution, our civil rights, and our medical autonomy as individuals and parents to say NO to any pharmaceutical product, including what gets injected into our children. Everyone deserves a choice when it comes to medical treatment for themselves and their families. If there is a risk, there must be a choice. Medical decisions should be made between a patient and a doctor. NOT the government. If the state of CT is a proponent of pro-choice for women's reproductive rights, the state should also be a proponent of religious exemptions. "My Body, My Choice." This bill is discriminatory and ANTI-American. By removing the ability for a parent to decide if an injection is best for their child's individual needs and using the basic fundamental right of an education to put pressure on our families, the lobbyists are using manipulative games to push an un-American agenda. It should be the best interest of this state to uphold our community by protecting our student's constitutional rights and religious freedoms, and ensure that no one is ever excluded for any reason.

Lastly, please consider the potential ramifications this bill will have on students, parents, and educators. Removing religious exemptions will deprive healthy children of crucial social, emotional, physical, and academic development. It will also cause unnecessary deprivation and hardships in providing schooling to all children and families. Where exactly is the emergency to justify the catastrophic disruption? This bill will force children and young adults out of school, it will force families to lose income as one parent may need to stay home and educate their children the best they can despite little of no training, and families with young children to leave the state.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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